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To-day's
Advertisements.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED,
FOR TIENSIN.

THE Steamship
"KWEIYANG,"
Captain Osterbridge, will be despatched TO-
MORROW, the 11th instant, at 4 P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 10th June, 1896. [914]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED,
FOR SWATOW, AMOY, AND FOOCHOW.
THE Company's Steamship

"NAMOA,"
Captain Hall, will be despatched for the above
Ports on FRIDAY, the 13th instant, at
10 A.M., and not as previously notified.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAK & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 10th June, 1896. [953]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED,
FOR AMOY AND SHANGHAI.
THE Steamship

"FOOCHOW,"
Captain Blackburne, will be despatched on
FRIDAY, the 12th instant, at Noon.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 10th June, 1896. [952]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
FOR SANDAKAN AND KUDAT.
THE Steamship

"MEMNON,"
Captain B. Branch, will be despatched on
SATURDAY, the 13th instant, at 3 P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 10th June, 1896. [939]

FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.
THE Steamship

"MACDUFF,"
Captain Thomson, will be despatched on
SUNDAY, the 14th instant.
For Freight, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 10th June, 1896. [932]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED,
FOR FOOCHOW.
THE Steamship

"TSINAN,"
Captain Ramay, will be despatched on
WEDNESDAY, the 17th instant.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 10th June, 1896. [958]

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAM PACKETS,
FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.
THE Steamship

"GLENGARRY,"
Captain Ferguson, will be despatched as above on
THURSDAY, the 18th instant, at 4 P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 10th June, 1896. [929]

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.
FOR NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.
THE Steamship

"MONMOUTHSHIRE,"
Captain Evans, will be despatched as above on
about THURSDAY, the 18th instant.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 10th June, 1896. [961]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"PALAWAN,"
FROM LONDON AND STRAITS.
Consignees of Cargo by the above-named
vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are
being landed and placed at their risk in the
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown
Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each
consignment will be sorted out mark by mark
and delivery can be obtained as soon as the
Goods are landed.

This vessel brings on cargo:—
From Madras, *ex S.S. Secunda*.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless
instructions are given to the contrary before 4
P.M. TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 17th instant at 4 P.M.
will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in
any case whatever.

All damaged Packages must be left in the
Godowns and notice of same given to the Under-
signed on or before the 10th instant, after which
no claims will be recognized.

H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent,
Hongkong, 10th June, 1896. [431]

"RICKMERS" REGULAR LINE OF
STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM MIDDLESBRO', ANTWERP AND
HAMBURG.

THE Company's Steamship
"MARIA RICKMERS,"
having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees
of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods
are being landed at their risk into the Godowns
of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and
Godown Company, Kowloon, whence delivery
may be obtained.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns, and all claims must be
sent in to the Office of the Under-signed before
noon on the 18th instant, or they will not be
recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are
to be left in the Godowns where they will be
examined on the 18th instant, at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any
Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 18th
instant will be subject to rent.

Optional cargo will be forwarded unless notice
to the contrary be given before 3 P.M. TO-DAY.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 10th June, 1896. [960]

To-day's
Advertisements.

THE HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an
EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL
MEETING of the above COMPANY will be held
at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, NO. 14, Praya
Central, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 2nd
day of JUNE, 1896, at 3 o'clock P.M., when the
Subjoined Resolution will be proposed.

That the Articles of Association be altered in
manner following:—

(a) Paragraph 10 of Article 2, which now
reads as follows:—"Auditors, Secretary,
and Manager mean those respective
Officers from time to time of the
Company" and the marginal note of
the same paragraph shall be cancelled,
and in lieu thereof the following mar-
ginal note and paragraph shall be
inserted, that is to say,

"Chief Manager
Secretary
Auditors" "Chief Manager,
Secretary and
Auditors" "Persons for the
time being per-
forming the duties
of these respective
Officers."

(b) In Article 50 the words "One Thousand
Dollars" shall be eliminated and there
shall be substituted therefor the words
"Two Thousand Dollars."

(c) In Article 70 the words "Chief Manager"
shall be substituted for the word
"Manager."

(d) In Article 23 and in the marginal note
of the word "Manager," where it
occurs, shall be eliminated and the
words "Chief Manager" shall be
substituted therefor.

(e) At the end of Articles 83 and 87 there
shall be added the words "or Chief
Manager."

Should the above Resolution be duly passed
it will be submitted for confirmation as a Special
Resolution to a second Extraordinary General
Meeting which will be subsequently convened.
Dated the 10th day of June, 1896.

By Order of the Board,

THOS. I. ROSE,
Secretary.
[959]

Intimations.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK &
COMPANY, LIMITED,
VICTORIA DISPENSARY,
HONGKONG.

AERATED WATERS.

SIMPLY AERATED WATER.

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GINGER ALE.

SARSAPARILLA.

RASPBERRYADE, &c.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & Co.'s WATERS are
made under the constant supervision of a duly
qualified English Chemist and will bear compa-
ison with the best English Manufactures.

Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, MEETINGS and
other Large Consumers.

Any complaints should be addressed to the
Manager.

Hongkong, 10th June, 1896. [427]

A. S. WATSON & CO.,
LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

WINES
AND
SPIRITS.

ALL these are selected by our London House,
bought direct at first hand, imported in wood
and bottled by ourselves, thus saving all inter-
mediate profits, and enabling us to supply the
best growths at MODERATE PRICES.

PRICE LISTS,
with Full Details, to be had on Application.

PORt after removal should be cast a month
before use. When required for drinking as
once it should be ordered to be decanted at
the Dispensary before being sent out.

SHERRY.—Excellent Dinner and After-Dinner
Wines of very superior Vintages. All are
true Xeres Wines.

CLARET.—Our Claret, including the lowest
priced, are guaranteed to be the genuine
product of the juice of the grape and are not
artificially made from raisins and currents
as is generally the case with Cheap Wines.

BRANDY.—All our Brandy is guaranteed to be
pure Cognac, the difference in price being
merely a question of age and vintage.

WHISKY.—All our Whisky is of excellent
quality and of greater age than most brands
in the market. THE SCOTCH WHISKY
marked "E" is universally popular, and is
pronounced by the best local connoisseurs
to be superior to any other brand in the
Hongkong market.

We only guarantee our WINES and SPIRITS
to be genuine when bought direct from us in
the Colony or from our authorised Agents at the
Court Post.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, 10th June, 1896. [960]

BIRTH.

On the 9th instant, at No. 12, St. Francis'
Street, Hongkong, the wife of J. T. Corron,
Inspector of Nuisances, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

At Shanghai, on the 4th inst., at H.E.M.'s
Consulate-General, by Sir Nicholas J. Hansen,
Consul-General, and afterwards at Trinity
Cathedral, by the Rev. H. C. Hodges, M.A.;
JEAN MINNIE, only daughter of W. F. Hamlin,
of Shanghai, to GUY DENTON BARRY, eldest son
of the late Henry Smith Bidwell, of Shanghai.

(Special to Hongkong Telegraph.)

TELEGRAMS.

ANTI-FOREIGN RIOTS
NEAR WENCHOW.

SAVAGE ATTACK ON GERMAN
MISSIONARIES.

CHINESE OFFICIALS REFUSED
PROTECTION.

Hongkong, June 10th.

1.30 p.m.

A shocking anti-foreign riot is reported
from Sungylang, 100 miles up the Wenchow
river. It commenced on the 1st June in the usual way with mischievous and
wholly unfounded stories about the
missionaries poisoning a child. The
German missionaries escaped from the
fury of the mob and reached Chuchao,
where they applied to the Prefect of
the district for assistance to protect
their lives and property. The Prefect
failed to give the missionaries any
protection, so they fled to Wenchow, where
they arrived two days ago in a pitiable
condition. One of the German mis-
sionaries was savagely attacked by a mob
and brutally beaten. His escape seems
to have been miraculous. He is now being
cared for at Wenchow, while one of his
companions has arrived here (Shanghai)
and made a report to the German Consul-
General.

ANOTHER DISASTROUS COLLISION AT SHANGHAI.

THIRTY-SIX PERSONS MISSING!

Shortly after 12 o'clock last night the
dredger *Anding*, while being taken to
Tungkado Dock for repairs, was caught
by the tide and wind and, becoming
unmanageable, she collided with the
ram of H.M.S. *Archer* and at once
sank in mid-stream, opposite the Custom
House. Thirty-six men who were on
board the *Anding* at the time are now
reported missing, and it is feared that they
have been drowned. The *Archer* is not
damaged.

ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF
A KOREAN PRINCE.

News has reached here to the effect that
an attempt was made a day or two ago to
assassinate Prince Pak, a Korean refugee,
who was Prime Minister in Korea, and
leader of the progressive party at the
time of the murder, in the royal palace, of
the late Queen of Korea. The attempt
on the Prince's life was rendered ineffect-
ive. No details yet received.

THE JAPANESE PREMIER VISITS
FOMROSA.

Count Ito, the Prime Minister, and
Count Saigo, Commander-in-Chief of the
Army, left Tokio on the 7th instant for
Formosa. During Count Ito's absence
Count Kuroda is acting Premier.

REUTER'S MESSAGES.

THE DEFEAT OF THE DERVISHES.

London, June 8th.

The defeat of the Dervishes at Tielket was
most complete. The Dervishes lost 1,000,
including their commander, and hundreds of
prisoners were taken. They were strongly
posted, but were surprised by an ably planned
and vigorous attack. The Egyptian force was
killed and many wounded.

MATABELELAND.

The British forces have routed the Matabele
near Bulawayo, killing 300 of the insurgents.

CHOLERA IN EGYPT.

Paris, June 22nd.

The cholera epidemic is spreading in Egypt.
FRANCE AND CHINA.

In accordance with M. Gérard's representa-
tions, China has given authority for French
engineers to construct railways to connect
Liaochow with the Tsinling main line.

[Liaochow is a few miles north of the Tonkin-
China frontier, in Kiangsi province.]

(Special to *Pinang Gazette*.)

THE ACHEEN WAR.

BATAVIA, May 29th.

The 3rd, 6th, 14th, and 7th battalions, with
six sections of artillery, left in the direction of
Kedong and Bokdi Dres, with the object
of investing the Achenee fort Lamteh. Ras-
tance is anticipated.

Lient. Wunnink has been decorated with the
Willem Order.

A late telegram to the *Java Bode* says that
the troops encountered little resistance, and that
they succeeded in raising the fort Lamteh.
Four soldiers were wounded. Twelve Achenee
were made prisoners.

(Special to *Shanghai Mercury*.)

IMPORTANT APPOINTMENTS.

PEKING, June 5th.

By three Imperial Edicts issued yesterday
K'un Kang (a member of the Tungli Yamen)
is made a Grand Secretary of the Council of
State.

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 1896.

ROUGH! Mr. Brown: "When Van Oo arrived at the hotel he saw the hotel register—Salisbury, K.G., Mr. —, R.A., Mr. —, M.P., and a lot of others; so he wrote down Mr. Van Oo, & d.—" Judy.

THUS the Standard of 7th ultimo:—It is interesting to observe, in current discussions on South African affairs, how large a part the personal factor still plays in politics. The world, as it grows older, does not grow more "philosophical" in its history. Just as in the mother country the history of politics has centred round a succession of great men, until even parties have come to be called by their names, so in the South African politics of the moment problems are tackled in an almost entirely personal spirit. Everyone is either "for Rhodes" or against him. Everyone either sings psalms with Mr. Kruger or hurls anathemas at him. Certain journalists, following the prevailing fashion, have taken, in the discharge of professional amenities to labelled each other "Mr. Kruger's London Journals" or "Rhodesian organs." To some extent this predominance of the personal factor is as correct as it is convenient and picturesque.

ANOTHER BOGUS PETITION!

We heard this morning that for some time past some person has been canvassing the shipping in the harbour with a subscription list purporting to be signed by one of the well known Reverend Fathers in the colony or by the Lady Superiors of one of the Convents, appealing for alms. In many cases they have succeeded in getting contributions, which, instead of going to aid the charities mentioned, have gone into the pockets of those schemers who concocted what are nothing more or less than bogus petitions. The Police have lately been informed of these transactions, and have received information that a Portuguese cleric is the leader of this gang of swindlers, but, owing to this gentleman having taken a holiday and the unwillingness of members of the seafaring community to give evidence, it has so far been found impossible to bring the case into Court. This *exposé* should, however, put the public on their guard, and it is sincerely to be hoped that should any more attempt be made to obtain subscriptions in the manner indicated steps will be promptly taken to verify the genuineness of the appeal before any money is paid over to the bearer of the subscription list.

NEWS BY THE FRENCH MAIL.

LONDON, May 8th. The Chinese Minister in London has again been seriously unwell. He is somewhat better, but his condition still gives rise to uneasiness. Sir Halliday Macarthur, the English Secretary of the Chinese Legation in London, returned on 3rd instant from Port Said, whither he had gone to meet Li Hung-chang, but unfortunately arrived too late.

A Japanese company is said to have purchased a large tract of fertile land in the State of Chiapas, Mexico, with a view to the cultivation of coffee, tobacco, and other tropical plants by means of Japanese labour.

Mr. Frank A. Swettenden left London on 3rd instant *en route* for the Continent, and so on to the Straits, to take up the duties of his new appointment of Resident-General of the Protected Malay States.

The new Japanese line of steamships between Japan and Europe, which will be started on June 1st, will also make Hamburg, one of its ports of call, and has appointed Mr. Th. Lind its agent. The steamers of the new line will all be now boats, going at the rate of twelve knots an hour, with the exception of one named *Tosa-maru*.

The new telegraph-laying steamer, the *Okinawa Maru*, recently completed for the Japanese Government, has, after loading the second portion of the Japan-Formosa cable, sailed for Japan on 2nd inst.

An Odessa correspondent writes:—"The Spanish Consul at Odessa has been ordered by his Government to apply to the Russian Volunteer Fleet Committee for all possible information respecting the foundation and formation of its new fleet of cruisers. The Spanish Government intends to form a volunteers fleet of cruisers, and is taking the Russian Volunteer Fleet as its model."

We (L. & C. Express) learn that the Admiralty authorities have decided that an additional Rear-Admiral shall be appointed as second in command of the China Squadron. The number and relative importance of the vessels constituting this squadron have increased of late years, and made the new step desirable. The squadron, in fact, is only-second in importance to the Mediterranean of the British squadrons in foreign waters. Rear-Admiral Charles Lister Oxley is likely to be the first recipient of the new post.

A member of the Lyons Commercial Mission to China, writes to one of the Paris journals discussing the Tonkin route for trade to Yunnan. After pointing out the advantages of the route, he glances at the possible Burma route, and then turns to the only other route by which the trade of Yunnan can be tapped. This is the West River route. From Canton, the writer states, *via* Wuchow, Nanking, and Fose, to Yunnan, the time is seventy days, against the thirty to fifty days from Haiphong to Yunnan by the Red River. French trade, he thinks, therefore, should not suffer. "Our influence in the Far East demands that we should follow the movement which attracts all European nations towards the new outlet of Central Asia. Our Indo-Chinese Empire will only prosper on condition of maintaining direct relations with Yunnan and Southern China."

M. Rousseau, Governor-General of Indo-China, is also, it will be remembered, Senator for Vincennes, and his leave-on "Missions temporaires" can only be given for six months at a time. His present term expires on 16th inst., and on the proposition of the French Minister of the Colonies it has been regrettably agreed to accept the appointment of a Select Committee to consider the grievances of Officers on the General List.

Of the second instalment of (Kuping) Tls. 50,000,000, due from China to Japan on 8th inst., plus the interest on the further unpaid portion of the indemnity and the Wei-hai-wei occupation expenses, roughly about half was paid in London and half in Berlin. The Berlin money was handed over on 7th inst. to the agent appointed by the Japanese Government by the Deutsch-Austrian Bank, and amounted to £3,000,000 marks. About half of this was in cheques on London, and the balance in a cheque on the Imperial Bank of Germany. This latter amount will shortly be also transferred to London. The amount paid in London this morning was over £4,000,000, and the Wei-hai-wei occupation money. This has been transferred at the Bank of England to the credit of the Japanese Government, and will probably be handed over in part to the Yokohama Specie Bank, etc. long, as agents for the Bank of Japan.

RUSSIA AND CHINA.—(May 1st.) Sir E. Ashmead-Bartlett asked the Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs whether he had received any assurances from the Russian Government regarding the reports of the proposed passage of the Trans-Siberian Railway across Chinese territory, and especially as to the use of Port Arthur as its terminus.

Mr. Curzon said: I stated in reply to a question on Feb. 17 last as to whether Russia had obtained by treaty with China a right to carry the Siberian Railway to Port Arthur, that Her Majesty's Government had been informed by the Russian Government that there was no truth whatever in the statement.

Sir E. Ashmead-Bartlett: Will the right hon. gentleman, in view of the many statements which have lately been made to the effect that some arrangement has been made for the construction of this railway, be so good as to inquire of the Russian Government as to the foundation for those statements?

Mr. Curzon: My answer shows that we have already inquired only a short time ago, and that the answer of the Russian Ambassador was that there was no truth in the statements.

THE NEW POSTAL CONTRACT FOR INDIA AND THE FAR EAST.—(5th.) In answer to Sir J. Long, Mr. Hanbury said: Although it cannot be known what tenders will be received for the new postal contract for India and the Far East, it may be said that the advertisement for tenders contemplates acceleration when the present contracts expire on Jan. 31st, 1898, seeing that no tender is invited for as low a speed as the minimum required by the present contract.

The lowest speeds for which tenders have been asked are thirteen and a-half knots to and from Bombay, thirteen and a-quarter knots to and from Adelaide, *via* Colombo, and eleven and a-half knots between Colombo and Shanghai; bidders may be sent in for any speed, higher or lower. It is the fact that in Italy the special train service for these mails is performed at a lower rate and with a greater aggregate time for stops than in France. The hon. member is doubtless aware that a considerable part of the Italian railway is a single line. The European port to be used in the service of the future is not specified in the advertisement for tenders. It will be open to parties tendering to select Marseilles and, if an offer based upon the embarkation and landing of mails at Marseilles showed better results than an offer based on Brindisi or any other port, the Postmaster-General would be free to choose the service *via* Marseilles.

NAVAL AND MILITARY.

The following appointments have been made at the Admiralty:—Enginier C. Broadbent, to the *Rodope*, to date May 4th; Assistant Enginier H. Evans, P. A. Sanderson, and F. J. Rosekrig, to the *Centurion*, W. W. Newton, to the *Nordstern*, H. G. Radford, to the *Elles*, and F. C. Haste, to the *Spartan* temporarily, to date May 4th; Lieut. W. Bowden-Smith, to the *Grafton* as flag-lieutenant to Rear-Admiral C. L. Oxley, Assistant Paymasters H. J. Troughton to the *Grafton*, additional as secretary to Rear-Admiral C. L. Oxley; E. A. Denby, in the *Grafton*, as secretary's clerk, to date May 7th.

The Russian volunteer fleet cruiser *Kostroma* left Port Said on 3rd inst., conveying 282 persons, comprising officers, emigrants, and others, for Vladivostok, also shells, guns-carriages, and war material for the troops quartered there. It is worthy of notice that there are fourteen nurses of the Russian Red Cross Society on board.

This significant fact may indicate that Russia intends to pursue a more active policy after the coronation in the Far East, and my previous telegram states *The Times* correspondent, on this subject have indicated what preparations are being made to rear for any possibilities.

The Austrian steel cruiser *Panther* is to leave Port Said to-morrow for China and Japan, calling at Massowah, and will return home after two years.

Admiral Sir Robert Fitzroy, K.C.B., died on the 9th inst. at the White Hart Hotel, Beaumaris, Dorset, after an illness of some days. The gallant Admiral, who was fifty-seven years of age, recently succeeded to the Parcham Park estates, near Beaumaris. He served as midshipman in the *Saint Paul* during the China War of 1877-78, and was present at the capture of Canton, and subsequently was lieutenant of the *Odessa* during the capture of the Peiho Forts. In regard to Russian naval designs, some comment has been occasioned in political and service circles by the rumours of plans for considerably enlarging what is known as the Russian Volunteer Fleet. It has already been officially stated that this Fleet is to be once increased by five vessels of about 7,000 tons each, but it has also leaked out that nearly three and a quarter millions sterling will be expended on armoured ships during the next twelve months, and on armoured cruisers, which will also be attached to the Volunteer Fleet, and will, therefore, presumably enjoy similar advantages in regard to the passage of the Dardanelles.

Colonel Grove, C.B., has assumed at the War Office the position of Military Secretary to the Commander-in-Chief, in place of Lieut.-General Sir Reginald Glenc, K.C.B., who retires from active service. Colonel Grove took brevet rank of Major-General in his new employment.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

(From *Rangoon Post*.)

MOSCOW, May 22nd. The Tsar and Tsarina made their State entry into Moscow yesterday. The pageant was a most gorgeous one; immense crowds lined the route to the Kremlin from the Petrovski Palace, which is three miles outside the city. A most striking group was formed by the Asiatic vassals and tributaries of the Tsar.

LONDON, May 22nd.

Advices from Matabaleland state that the Bulawayo column formed a junction with Mr. C. Rhodes' column at Gwelo.

In a despatch from Dr. Leyds to Sir Hercules Robinson, dated 20th instant, he asks the meaning of the large mass of British troops with cannon on the Transvaal frontier. Sir Hercules Robinson, in reply, said he regretted that credit was attached to such falsehoods, and demanded the prosecution of the propagator of them.

Lord Hamilton, in replying to Sir Seymour King, in the House of Commons, said he was unable to accede to the appointment of a Select Committee to consider the grievances of Officers on a further term of six months.

Two meetings of unusual interest are announced—Mr. Sydney Burton, M.P., ex-Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies, and Miss Mildred Smith, and Mr. H. J. Tenant, M.P., for Berwickshire, brother of Mrs. Aquilla, and Miss May E. Abraham, Her Majesty's Superintending Inspector of Factories.

Of the second instalment of (Kuping) Tls. 50,000,000, due from China to Japan on 8th inst., plus the interest on the further unpaid portion of the indemnity and the Wei-hai-wei occupation expenses, roughly about half was paid in London and half in Berlin. The Berlin money was handed over on 7th inst. to the agent appointed by the Japanese Government by the Deutsch-Austrian Bank, and amounted to £3,000,000 marks. About half of this was in cheques on London, and the balance in a cheque on the Imperial Bank of Germany. This latter amount will shortly be also transferred to London. The amount paid in London this morning was over £4,000,000, and the Wei-hai-wei occupation money. This has been transferred at the Bank of England to the credit of the Japanese Government, and will probably be handed over in part to the Yokohama Specie Bank, etc. long, as agents for the Bank of Japan.

Kindness is spreading fast in the Transvaal, and causing a serious situation. An insurrection among Dangane in the north-west of China has been reported, and the rebels have captured the town of Ruyihwan. A

THE OUTRAGE AT NANKING

THE WOUNDED OFFICER'S DEPOSITION.

THE VICEROY'S BODYGUARD LED THE ATTACK WITH SPEARS AND STONES.

CHINESE TROOPS FIRE ON EACH OTHER.

SHANGHAI, June 4th.

We are glad to learn from Nanking that no German officer has been killed. It appears that on Monday last a German officer took his men for drill to a parade ground said to be reserved for the Viceroy's Human bodyguard. The Chinese Commander of the bodyguard objected, and after some discussion ordered his men to fire on the foreign-drilled troops. The German officer ordered his men to return the fire, and several Chinese were killed and wounded on both sides, and one German instructor, a corporal named G. Kraus, was seriously wounded. The Viceroy had the Chinese Commander at once put under arrest, and he will probably lose his head. Our Nanking correspondent telegraphed last night that Mr. Kraus is recovering, and the city is quiet.

There was a rumour here yesterday evening that Mr. Kraus had died of his wounds.

NANKING, June 3rd.

On Monday, the 1st June, a serious attack was made upon one of the German Army instructors, named Mr. Kraus. Acting under instructions from his superior foreign officer, he had taken his men to the open place in the rear of the Viceroy's yamen to be drilled. This place has a camp of Human soldiers located on each corner and forming two of the five camps which surround the yamen. These Human soldiers had been accustomed to drill on this ground for many years and resented the sending of other men under foreign instructors to pre-empt their drill ground. When Mr. Kraus arrived with his men he found the Human men already at drill, but himself began at once to drill his own soldiers. The officer in charge of the camp objected, an alteration ensued and almost at once the Human men attacked Mr. Kraus with knives and spears, giving him an ugly spear wound in the back, several gashes on the head, and bruising him severely in many places. Had not some other German officers arrived on the scene and rescued him, he would have been injured still more seriously. Count and Countess Nayakas were also surrounded and attacked while returning from a ride and passing near the camp, but the Count quickly dismounted and taking his sabre soon chased the crowd into a tea-house. The whole trouble is doubtless due to the jealousy existing between the men of the old army methods and those of the new. It is not easy to surmise how little punishment the evil-doers received from the hands of the anti-foreign Viceroy in the attack two months ago—those who have dared to attack foreigners. At that time it was proposed to form a respectable body of troops, a kind of bodyguard of about 100 reliable men, who should receive good wages, good food, and treatment for the Viceroy's own and our protection. This proposition was laughed at, and it was concluded that the revolver was the only security.

This second incident will also pass, I expect, without any sequence; it is simply the state of the feeling here towards foreigners. How little the Viceroy's power is worth, which rests solely on tradition. The old soldiers will not allow us to exercise and drill on the ground billeted used by them. They know very well how little punishment the evil-doers received from the hands of the anti-foreign Viceroy in the attack two months ago—those who have dared to attack foreigners. At that time it was proposed to form a respectable body of troops, a kind of bodyguard of about 100 reliable men, who should receive good wages, good food, and treatment for the Viceroy's own and our protection. This proposition was laughed at, and it was concluded that the revolver was the only security.

The *Prinzess Wilhelmine* is expected to-morrow, and June. To-day all instructors had a consultation and they decided to summon the Consul-General by wire to give us satisfaction and security. We are trying to enforce the following points:

1.—Pecuniary indemnity to Mr. Kraus amounting to Tls. 10,000 and eventually a pension.

2.—Dismissal of the General, commanding the troops, who declined to attend investigation.

3.—Punishment of the evildoers, and death-sentence to the principal leader.

4.—Clearance of the barracks and installation in the same of our troops.

A more grave charge is that Chinese officers doubtless instigated and incited the attack; the reason is to be found in the fact that our troops receive higher pay and are better clothed, and also because our soldiers, being young, could easily find work, and would have to leave the recruiting in the army to the old and feeble.

SHANGHAI, June 5th.

A letter just received from Nanking says:—Lieutenant Kraus, the German officer who was attacked in the city last Monday, had a leg broken and received other injuries. His soldiers fought for him, and thus it is all probability saved his life. Several other Germans were stoned the same day. They are insisting on severe punishment for the guilty. We believe our account published yesterday is correct, and we are therefore inclined to doubt about the "broken leg."—*Mercury*.

HAWK TEA MARKET.

HONGKONG, June 1st.

Well may the first chapter of the story of the Hongkong tea season of 1896 be brought to its conclusion with the despatch of the Mutual steamer *Onyx* to-day, with a cargo of 5,000 tons of tea, principally all shipped to supply Mincing Lane requirements. A trifling portion of this cargo may be transhipped to Russia, and a fractional part may find its destination is the Confluence, but to all intents and purposes result a fight, and an attack on the commander of the foreign-drilled soldiers, H.E. Liu K'un-yi, consisting of about 200 men, that he brought from Shanhakwan with him to Nanking. I did not attribute any importance to their presence, and, as far as I could see, they were not armed, only about thirty having the usual banner waving from a sharp-pointed bamboo staff. When my company was formed I mounted, but on the sergeant reporting to me—the number of men present, I dismounted and walked a few paces towards my men, holding my pony by the bridle. I suddenly heard "fire" from behind, and coming from Viceroy Liu's men a great noise and the usual loud crying out peculiar to Chinese soldiers when making an attack. I turned round and saw the whole of Liu's men close behind and coming towards me in a compact mass, with the intention of making an attack. I mounted my pony, which I had been holding by the bridle, but received a blow on the head from a spear-headed bamboo (a tempey) nail fixed on the end of a bamboo, which brought me to the ground. I still held on to my pony's head, but was entirely surrounded by a thick living wall of howling men, others throwing stones at me with great force, others trying to pull me to the ground by seizing me by the coat and vest with great violence, and trying to sway me to the ground, while others were using bamboo between my legs to try and trip me, and it was only by holding firmly to my pony's head I managed to avoid their endeavours. I saw now that it was a matter of life and death, and drew my revolver for self-defence, but before I could bring it into action I received a thrust in the right arm from a spear-headed bamboo, as well as several blows on the same arm; which knocked me to the ground, one of the soldiers instantly picked it up and directed it towards my chest, but to "fire" being ignorant of its management and use I owe my life. At this moment my horse was torn from me, being now entirely without a weapon of defence, the stick I generally carry when on drill duty being lost in the mêlée, and seeing there was nothing for it but life or death and being entirely at the mercy of the blows, cuts, and stones of the howling soldiery mob, I decided it was possible to make one desperate effort for life. With one jump I succeeded and broke through the living

wall that surrounded me and ran in the direction of the mallow, the soldiers following me, howling, shouting, and throwing big stones, while the civilians who had gathered round the camp and witnessed the affray joined in with the rabble and hooted me, as well as receiving me with a volley of stones as soon as I got away from the soldiers. On arriving in the mallow my own soldiers received and escorted me to the Viceroy. Whilst I was amongst the crowd of soldiers I was deprived of my hat, spectacles, watch, stick, revolver, and pony.

The above statement is signed by Kraus in the presence of witnesses. The Consul-General for Germany informs us that all is quiet at Nanking, and there will in all probability be nothing more about the affray, except the punishment of the offending soldiers. Europeans who under take similar positions as Instructor Kraus run a certain amount of risk and the occurrence of Monday last can put down to a feeling of jealousy among the men of the Viceroy's Human bodyguard. The territorial forces in Nanking have received quiet against the rebels, who surrounded and almost decimated them in some places, although the Imperialists were better provided with fire-arms than the rebels. Nanking city, which is the seat of the provincial government of Kansu, is reported, in the same despatches, to be almost defenceless, nearly 4,000 of the 6,000 troops which went to subdue the rebels last year having been either killed or missing. In consequence of this, urgent telegrams have been received at Nanking and Wuchang from Nanchang asking for reinforcements to be sent to Kansu to assist in putting down the rebellion. Viceroy Liu K'un-yi and Chang Chih-tung, it is reported, will send about 8,000 men to Kansu as the Kiangsu and Hupeh contingents. The territorial forces in Nanchang are sent against the rebels, who surrounded and almost decimated them in some places, although the Imperialists were better provided with fire-arms than the rebels. Nanchang city, which is the seat of the provincial government of Kansu, is reported, in the same despatches, to be almost defenceless, nearly 4,000 of the 6,000 troops which went to subdue the rebels last year having been either killed or missing. In consequence of this, urgent telegrams have been received at Nanking and Wuchang from Nanchang asking for reinforcements to be sent to Kansu to assist in putting down the rebellion. Viceroy Liu K'un-yi and Chang Chih-tung, it is reported, will send about 8,

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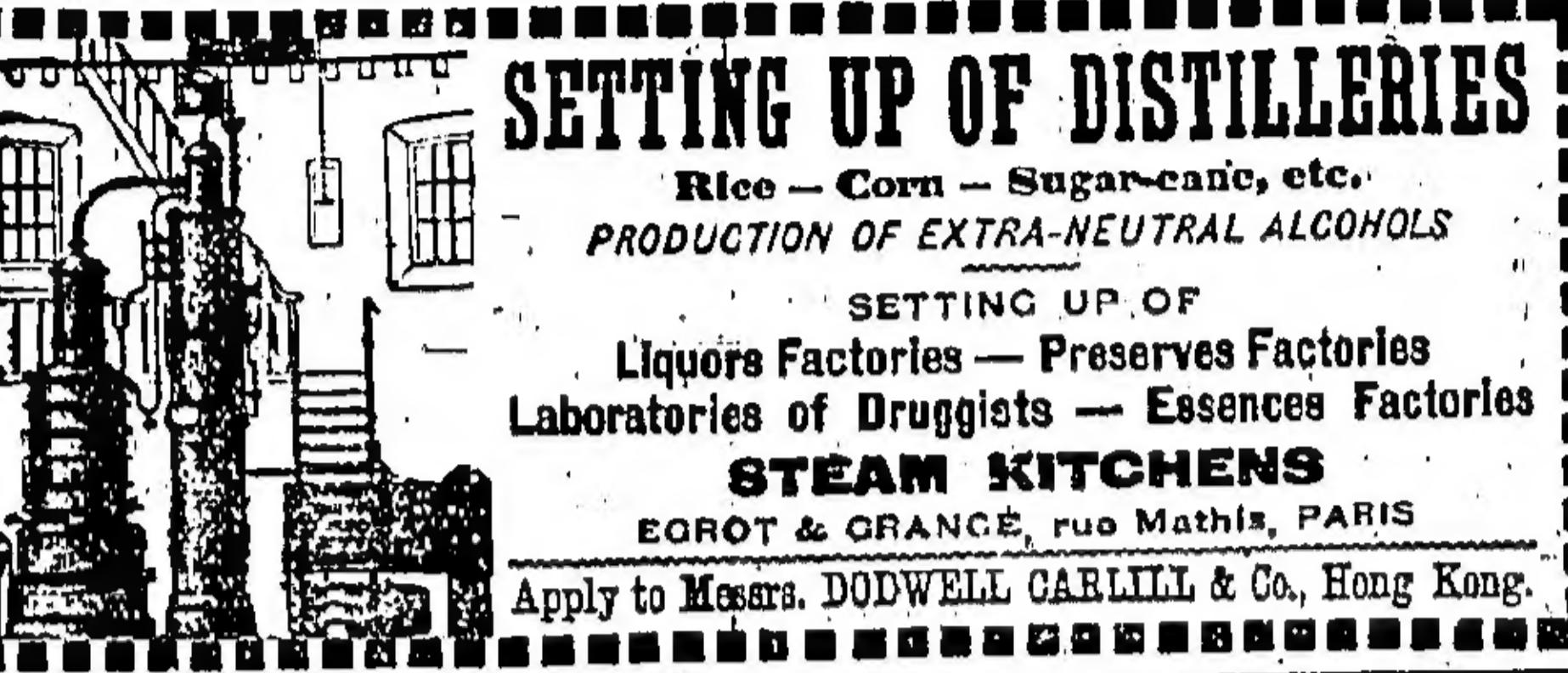
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